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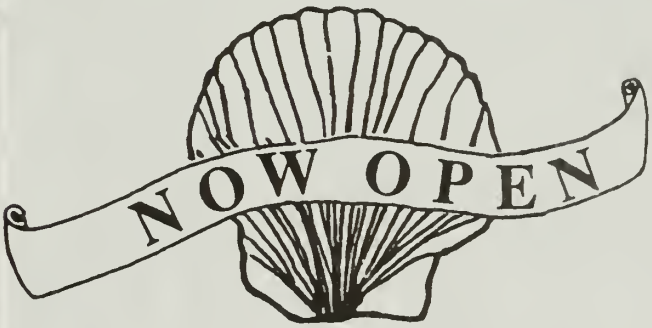

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On September 27, 1992, five young men from the tri-town area embarked on a journey that most can only dream of. Huddled together on a boat they rebuilt and christened the *Lazarus*, they set sail around the world, taking with them the respect and admiration of many local hearts.

Since *The Wanderer* first reported on their departure from Burr Brothers Boatyard in Marion, many people have inquired about the crew's progress and exploits. Although they have managed to publish two issues of their journal/newsletter, *The Lazarette*, its distribution is limited and many are curious to know where they are and how they're doing.

Proud father Steve Sperry reports that his sons Tim and Matt, along with Chris Smith, Mark Parsons, and Bill Fallon are all doing fine. The crew recently left the island of Margarita, off the coast of Venezuela. The good news is the boys are close to the Caribbean island of Curaçao and are having a great time. The bad news is they may have greatly underestimated the time it will take to complete the trip. Having planned on making their circuit within two years, Mr. Sperry now reports it may take as long as two and a half to three years before they return to Marion.

Throughout the journey, the crew has also kept in close contact with the ORR Junior High School, sending students at their alma mater data sheets which include latitudes and longitudes so they can plot the vessel's exact location on a large classroom map. According to UPLIFT Coordinator and *Lazarus* liaison Carol Fletcher, these mailings — along with regular updates via videotape — have added a wonderful educational dimension to the voyage for both the crew and area students.

"They've been sending us travel brochures from the various ports of call along with a variety of foreign currency and photographs," Ms. Fletcher said. "They've also done a great job with the videos in narrating the various sites and historical landmarks they encounter."

Ms. Fletcher said the next destination for the crew is Panama, where they will be sent a package from the school. The videotapes which have been sent to ORRJHS will also be used by Continental Cablevision's Bay 8 in a full-length documentary on the voyage to be narrated by a student and presented at a later date.

Mr. Sperry graciously provided us with some wonderful pictures his sons recently sent him ... and these were some of the thoughts each crew member recently shared in the latest edition of *The Lazarette:*

• Matt Sperry — "The highlight of the (launch) day was watching Annette Gardner christen Lazarus with the bottle of champagne ... following the christening, we were relieved and unbelievably excited to see Lazarus floating just above water line. What a great feeling, the day had gone so smoothly!"

• Chris Smith — "My watch was up at eight. I woke up Mark, the next on duty, and promptly fell into his newly vacated bunk for a little snooze. I was awakened an hour later by an anguished cry from the cockpit. I yelled up to find out what was going on. 'Tim threw the coffee pot overboard!' It seems that Tim thought the percolator basket and the spindle that it sits on were one piece. Half asleep, in need of coffee, he attempted to empty the basket of the old grinds ... he shook both grounds and basket into the sea."

• Tim Sperry — "We're all in one piece. We seem to be getting along with one another even better than before we left Marion. Lazarus is considerably more seaworthy than she was the day we departed and, weather permitting, we will be leaving tomorrow (November 3) for the sunny

On the Cover: A stunning view taken by one of the crew members of The Lazarus.

WE'VE MOVED

The Wanderer's new office is at 55 County Road (in the G. H. Dunn Insurance building on Route 6, between The Salvation Army Store and Matt's Take Out).

Our mailing address has also changed to P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. All correspondence should be mailed to this address only, unless left at our office in person.

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• Bill Fallon — "Basically we'll be making a whirlwind tour of the Caribbean. We'll end up making fewer stops than we'd like, but we'll also be able to spend a little more time in the places we do stop and get to know them a little better. It will be great to be in the warm weather and among many of the friendly sailors cruising the islands."

• Mark Parsons — "Fortunately, I have discovered at the outset of this trip that it will not change me for the better. It does, however, provide me with the opportunity to see that I've got to lead life with an integrity which allows me to love who I am today. The tendency is almost to believe that

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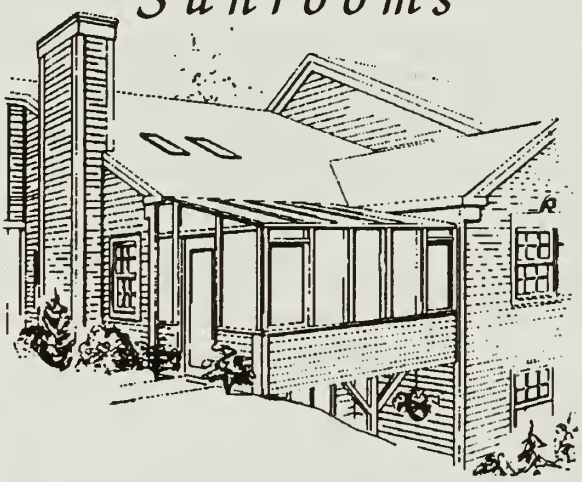
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something that happens to me in the future will change me for the better."

The staff of *The Wanderer* would like to wish the crew of the *Lazarus* continued success in their voyage and will make efforts to keep our readers abreast of their whereabouts and exciting tales from around the world in future issues. If you would like to receive copies of *The Lazarette* as they are published, please write to P.O. Box 404, Marion, MA 02738. Proceeds from subscriptions will assist the crew in their journey.

Putting Their Heads Together

A Joint Meeting of the Tri-Town Selectmen

Financial concerns and the regionalization of several common services were the more pressing matters discussed during a joint meeting of the Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester Boards of Selectmen on Thursday, January 28 at 7:00 pm in the Marion Town House.

Present from the host board of Marion were Chairwoman Loretta B. Schaefer, Selectman James S. Dougall, Selectman Edwin H.B. Pratt Jr., and Executive Secretary Ray E. Pickles. The Mattapoisett delegation included Chairman John N. DeCosta, Selectman Paul E. Lambalot, and Selectman Daniel O. Mahoney. Members of the Rochester Board of Selectmen were Chairman Harry A. Brown Jr., Selectman Lorraine Roy Hawkes, and Selectman David L. Hughes.

Chairwoman Schaefer, who presided over the meeting throughout, began by welcoming everyone, including a sizable number of tri-town residents, and turned the floor over to Chairman DeCosta of Mattapoisett for a special presentation.

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Mr. DeCosta said he would like to recognize and commend three participating banks that have helped make the Tri-Town Mortgage Program a reality for so many area residents, providing to date some $90,000 in mortgage assistance. Mr. DeCosta introduced Debbie Kleinman, a Rochester teacher who closed on her new house that morning, to present commendations signed by all three boards to the bank representatives present. Ms. Kleinman told the representatives that she would "personally like to thank them for fulfilling a dream that I've had for quite some time."

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Chairwoman Schaefer next explained that the meeting would follow a set agenda as recommended by selectmen from each of the towns and those present would be allowed to provide input after the boards had time to discuss each item. She also said that upon the recommendation of those present, the meeting would be limited to 9:30 pm (two and a half hours), regardless of how much of the agenda is covered.

That said, the next item on the agenda was the formation of a Regional Selectmen's Committee comprised of the three boards present. Ms. Schaefer suggested that the committee be formed so the boards could meet on a more regular basis, perhaps two or three times a year, instead of just annually. Ms. Schaefer said the group should plan on when to meet and also elect a chairperson to organize and run the meetings.

"I think we need the discipline of knowing that we're going to have at least three meetings a year," Ms. Schaefer said.

Mr. Mahoney moved to form the Regional Selectmen's Committee and the group unanimously approved the motion, electing Ms. Schaefer as chairwoman.

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Next on the agenda was the Old Rochester Regional (ORR) capital improvements issue, which has passed in Marion and Mattapoisett but has been turned down by the electorate in Rochester on three different occasions.

"It must pass unanimously with all three towns," Ms. Schaefer said, "because it's part of the capital improvements budget. In terms of finances here, we're talking something between $1 and $2 million."

There was some confusion among selectmen over exactly how much the school committee has budgeted for the repairs. Selectman Mahoney said he read a higher number in one of the papers and was troubled by this inflated amount.

"We had a price tag estimate of about $1.2 to $1.3 million," said Mr. Lambalot. "But the school committee has come back with a figure twice that amount. I don't think we can support that right now."

But Ms. Schaefer said she wasn't looking for a final answer. She just wanted to find out how each of the towns felt about the repair project in general.

"This is really a question of how we get the override (for the repairs) to pass in Rochester," Mr. Mahoney said. "I'd like to hear from them as to how we might pursue this matter."

Rochester Selectman David L. Hughes said he didn't see any problem with making the necessary repairs, but thought the idea of an "engineering study" was a stumbling block with residents in his town. "The money proposed for the engineering study just didn't fly," he said. "We came up with what we thought was a comfortable figure, but when it went to the voters, it was shot down."

Mr. Mahoney agreed that the wording of the article and the perception of voters were detrimental to the issue. "The article was drawn up by the Bond Council for the ORR District," he said. "But presenting it as another 'engineering study' hurt us."

Mr. Pratt suggested another option. "Maybe we should hold a regional town meeting to show residents an essential 'bill of repair,'" he said. "We

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can give them a list of items and ask them to vote for those repairs they'd like to support and stop when they don't want to spend any more money. That way the people won't see the item as one lump sum."

But Chairman Brown said that wouldn't do much to change Rochester voters' minds. "Last year Rochester lost some $42 million in tax revenues," he said. "bringing our tax rate up to $13.25. People just don't want to pay more taxes."

All board members agreed that pinning down exact costs in the project was a priority and suggested consulting members of the school committee before pursuing the matter further. "We were all very leery of cost figures coming out of the engineering study that weren't real or necessary," agreed Mr. Mahoney. "Maybe we should redress the issue in terms of finances."

Chairwoman Schaefer said it appeared everyone agreed the repairs need to be done, but the question of what should be repaired and at what cost was the real stumbling block.

Mr. Dougall suggested going back to the original proposal and comparing it with the latest recommendations to see if and where they differ. He also recommended putting out a collaborative press release from the three boards explicitly outlining the project and estimated costs. This would alleviate the problem of sending "mixed messages" to the voters in the three towns.

"Maybe we can put together our figures and educate the public on the matter," Mr. Dougall said. "Let them know the bottom line cost."

The suggestion was then made to hold

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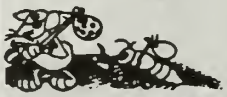

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simultaneous special elections in all three towns after each respective Annual Town Meeting to vote on the issue. This way, there wouldn't be a duplication of cost or services in providing information to the voters.

This being the general consensus of the three boards, Ms. Schaefer said the Committee would look into holding said special election sometime in June and would contact Peter Hodges to ask if he could reform his building repair study committee and once again outline the proposal for selectmen and voters.

Rochester resident Michael Bare echoed his elected officials' sentiments on the matter. "The people in Rochester are tired of seeing the foolish spending they've seen," he said. "They aren't willing to spend any more until the (school superintendent) is willing to come down to the people's level."

ORR School Committee member Richard Marx wanted to put the figures that were discussed in perspective. He explained that the suggested $2 million proposal was an effort on the committee's part to "repackage the project over a ten-year-period." It was not an inflated sum as perceived.

Next on the agenda was discussion of a tri-town transfer, composting, or recycling center in the area. Marion Executive Secretary Ray E. Pickles said the town is now looking into sites for a transfer station and may even consider entering an agreement with Acushnet on the project.

Mr. Pratt wanted to know if there was any interest among the three closest neighbors in mutual recycling and composting facilities. "We all have agreements with towns outside the district," he said. "What we need to be asking is are there any ways we could benefit from each other?"

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Mr. Pratt also said that Marion is looking at new developments in terms of composting and treating sewer sludge to be used as fertilizer and organic material. This treated material can be sold at a reasonable profit for the town and will probably provide a good alternative to waste disposal while putting something back into the town's coffers.

The next discussion focused on a proposed regional landfill among the three towns. Rochester's Chairman Brown said that they've discussed opening a regional landfill to dispose of demolition materials (discarded building materials) in the wake of the closing of their municipal landfill last year.

"That's something we'd also like to do at some time in the near future," Mr. Mahoney said. "But we haven't moved on finding a location yet."

Mr. Pratt then suggested hiring a full-time Regional Wetlands Specialist for the tri-town area who would be on call for a variety of last minute projects.

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Mr. Dougall agreed that it would provide a great service to all three towns to have someone on call at all times. "I think it's beneficial to us in that we'll have someone on call in the area for any emergency development projects," he said.

Along the same lines, Mr. Dougall discussed the next item on the agenda — a proposal to hire a Regional Resident/Project Engineer. "I think hiring a Regional Resident/Project Engineer would be something the three towns might consider," Mr. Dougall said. "Basically, we've been very happy with the results of the person we've hired."

Although the other towns agreed it would be of benefit to have someone available, they opted for contacting the independent contractor now working with Marion and would discuss hiring him on an as needed basis.

The topic of a Total Quality Management study was next brought up by Mr. Dougall. Having recently attended a workshop on the matter — whereby people working together learn to work more efficiently by providing suggestions for

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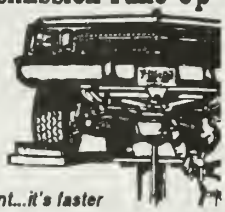

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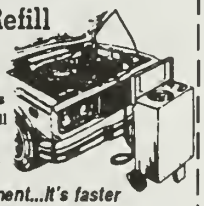

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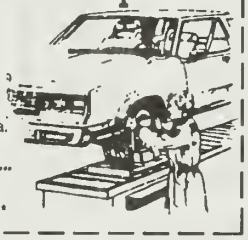

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improvement to other departments — Mr. Dougall thought it might be something the towns could look into starting.

"I think we can look into getting some grant money to hire a trainer to come in and address the different problems and concerns of the different departments," Mr. Dougall said. "It would basically provide some necessary feedback as to how everyone can do their job a little better."

Marion resident Al Winters, who has had experience with the procedure at his place of business, explained that the key to this type of program is a total commitment from upper level management.

"This is the type of project that needs total support from the top," Mr. Winters said. "In this case, the Board of Selectmen would have to make sure things get done right."

Mr. Dougall suggested trying a program like this on a regional level. Mr. Hughes said he would like to hear more about the program and asked that it be brought up at the next regional meeting.

Before adjourning, Chairwoman Schaefer said she had a request from someone to make a brief presentation, at which point Mattapoisett resident John Atkinson made a statement about why the boards' penchant for regionalizing more levels of government would be detrimental and costly to tri-town residents.

The newly-established Regional Selectmen's Committee then agreed to meet next on Thursday evening, June 10 at 7:15 pm in the Marion Town House, with a follow-up meeting tentatively slated for Thursday, October 14.

There being no further matters to discuss, the committee adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

February 2, 1993

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, February 2, 1993 at 7:04 pm by Chairman John N.

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After approving the minutes of the January 26 Selectmen's meeting and the January 30 budget meeting, the board signed payrolls, bills, licenses, correspondence, and permits for the week.

Under outgoing correspondence, Chairman DeCosta cited a request from Water/Sewer Superintendent William Nicholson to seek the services of Town Counsel for the purpose of discussing water main easements to the new pumping station and to discuss billing procedures.

Chairman DeCosta also noted a letter sent to

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the Chairman of the town's Republican Town Committee advising him of the required appointment for the Registrar of Voters.

There being no meetings or hearings scheduled for the week, Chairman DeCosta went over incoming correspondence, beginning with an invitation to attend a retirement party for Town Administrator Marilyn Morris of Norfolk, MA. Ms. Adams said she would probably attend.

A letter was received Ralph and Patricia Sanford of 3 Quansett East in Mattapoisett expressing their disappointment with the recent Continental Cablevision rate increase and stating their opposition to the Board's renewal of the cable contract.

Rep. Barney Frank sent a letter to the board welcoming the opportunity to schedule a meeting with them to discuss matters of mutual concern. In addition, Rep. Frank extended an invitation to the opening of his New Bedford office at 558 Pleasant Street on Sunday, February 7 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

Notice was next sent from Ms. Adams to the Boards of Selectmen in Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester advising them of the annual herring meeting to be held on Thursday, February 18 at 7:00 pm in the Mattapoisett Selectmen's Office.

Next, a copy of the Coastal Zone Management's "Schedule of Coastal Activities," listing events through the month of April was sent to the board.

The State Department of Public Works (DPW) also sent the board a letter notifying them of the release of the second apportionment of Chapter 90 highway monies. The second installment now available to Mattapoisett is $106,623, which may be used subject to certain procedures and requirements.

This money, which has been earmarked as part of the 1991 Transportation Bond Issue (Chapter 33 of Acts of 1991), may be used for pending road repair projects in town. Selectman Mahoney said he would contact Highway Surveyor Wesley Bowman and discuss the potential uses of the allotted funds.

Under the Executive Secretary's Report, Ms.

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Adams had only two items to discuss. First, she wanted to know when the board would like to meet with the remaining municipal departments to prepare their budget for the Annual Town Meeting in May. There are only a few departments remaining, Ms. Adams said, of which the Police Department would probably be the most time-consuming.

The board agreed to meet on Saturday morning, February 13 at 9:00 am.

Second, Ms. Adams wanted to remind the board that they should start thinking about appointing someone to replace Fire Chief Donald C. Wood, who will be retiring at the end of April.

Selectman Lambalot asked that some of the officers in the Fire Department meet with them so they first decide if there's a likely candidate from that pool. He also asked that they begin with Deputy Chief Walter R. Morgado.

Selectman Lambalot wondered if they could hold an initial meeting/interview with these candidates in a closed forum. But Selectman Mahoney said he thought it would have to be done in an open meeting.

"We also need to discuss the salary, the type of position we want to maintain, and the availability issue," Selectman Mahoney said. "We be looking for someone who's available on notice to handle any major fire."

The part-time Fire Chief's position currently pays an annual salary of about $7,200. The department's total budget consists of $39,000 in salaries and wages and another $19,000 in expenses for a total of $58,000.

Of the 16 to 20 part-time employees in the department, the following officers would be all be potential candidates for the Fire Chief position: Walter R. Morgado (Deputy Chief), William T. Nicholson (Captain), Albert Sylvia (Captain), Ronald E. Scott (Captain), Clifford D. Tripp (Captain), Paul M. Kelley Jr. (Lieutenant), John N. DeCosta Jr. (Lieutenant), James L. Sullivan (Lieutenant), Leroy E. Jones (Training Officer), and Evelyn A. Ellis

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There being no further business to discuss, the board adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

February 2, 1993

By Chandra Dewing

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, February 2, 1993 at 7:00 pm by Chairwoman Loretta B. Schaefer. Also present were Selectman James S. Dougall, Selectman Edwin "Ted" Pratt Jr., and Secretary Helene Craver.

After signing warrants and correspondence for the week, the board approved the minutes of the January 29, 1993 meeting as presented.

The Marion Police Brotherhood and Town of Marion clerical employees petitioned the Labor Relations Commission in an attempt to change the representation in their unions. The board agreed that it was time for them to seek modification in the unions.

Resident Bob Gibbons voiced his concerns in a letter to the board. These matters included: an inquiry about the positive consequences of providing the whole town with public sewers, suggestions of how to put the historic Music Hall to better use, and the question of whether a selectman can introduce a bill into the State Legislature

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Regarding the Music Hall, Jonathan E. Dickerson, Chairman of the Marion Recreation Committee, also spoke out in a letter about assisting in keeping the historical landmark in place. Mr. Dickerson proposed that the Music Hall be used for some of their recreational programs, in addition to their help in funding.

In response to Mr. Gibbons' and Mr. Dickerson's letters, the board suggested they both attend next week's meeting to discuss their proposals.

The Town of Marion put out a bid to borrow $1,940 in bonds to be used for Capital Expenditures. It was readily approved due to Marion's A-1 bond rating. Chairwoman Schaefer said "Marion is one of two communities in southeastern Massachusetts that have an A-1 rating ... both citizens and town employees should be commended."

This bond rating refers to how well the town manages their money. Town Clerk Helen G. Westergard has also done an excellent job in handling financial affairs, including the pay back of money owed.

Joe Costa, Manager of the Buzzards Bay Project (BBP), wrote a memo pertaining to a misunderstanding about the second floor conference room in the Marion Town House. The Town House mistakingly thought that the Buzzards Bay Project asked the Registrar's Office be moved out of the conference room. But the BBP neither requested that the Registrar's Office relocate, nor complain about their presence.

The Buzzards Bay Project appreciates the town permitting them to use office space to handle their affairs and would like to work on a solution to alleviate the space problem.

Executive Secretary Ray E. Pickles had recommended that the Conservation Commission use the cafeteria at Sippican School for their

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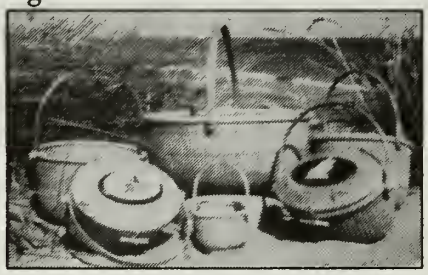

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Jean Da Silva next expressed her interest in serving on the Marion Recreation Committee in a letter to the board. "She would be a wonderful addition to the committee," Mr. Pratt said. The existing term on the committee expires May 31, 1993.

The assessment for the cities and towns in the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) for fiscal year 1994 will be 15 cents per capita of the Marion population of 4,496 people. That assessment amounts to $674.40 and can be paid no later than July 10, 1993 by the Treasurer of the Town of Marion.

The Benjamin D. Cushing Post 2425 VFW and Ladies Auxiliary extended an invitation to the Board of Selectman to attend their annual banquet on Saturday, April 17, 1993 at 7:00 pm. The banquet commemorates the 61st anniversary of the induction of the Benjamin D. Cushing Post into the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States and will be held at VFW Pavilion, on Route 6 in Marion.

Rep. Barney Frank wishes to meet with the board to discuss matters regarding the federal government, primarily housing agenda. The board will set up a date to meet with him in the future.

Rep. Frank also invited the board to the opening of his New Bedford office on Sunday, February 7, 1993 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. The new office will be located at 558 Pleasant Street in New Bedford.

Senator Marc R. Pacheco notified the board that his office has been changed to Room 413F of the State House in Boston. He looks forward to speaking with the board about local and regional concerns.

Mattapoisett Executive Secretary Carol J. Adams informed the board that the Annual Herring meeting will take place on Thursday, February 18, 1993 at 7:00 pm in the Mattapoisett Selectmen's office. The board expressed that they strongly oppose the installation of screen the night prior to fishing. They say that it is counterproductive to the

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New Bedford Mayor Rosemary S. Tierney wrote in to approve the changes in employment and job training which she hopes will improve the service provided to her town.

Resident Sam Bennett met with the board at 7:15 pm to discuss an important issue about his property. Mr. Bennett currently manages a recycling business in order to earn extra money. But neighbors have complained about an unnecessary amount of trash in his front yard.

Selectman Pratt admitted to Mr. Bennett that it "will be necessary to deal with the issues concerning your neighbors, to tidy up your yard ... and be a good neighbor." The problem will be worked on to accommodate both Mr. Bennett and his neighbors.

Mr. Bennett was concerned that he would no longer be able to run his recycling business. But he would do what is fair to keep his business running. "I have been a peace abiding citizen for 66 years," Mr. Bennett said.

Under Board of Health business, Regional Sanitarian Karen A. Walega said she does not approve of the proposed septic plan design for Greg Sullivan on Front Street. The plan lacks ground water table results, the correct Marion Sanitary Code requirement, and septic tees should be used in place of baffles in the septic tank. Moreover, Ms. Walega

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requested that he fill out an application for a disposal works construction permit and five copies of the septic plan.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they adjourned for the evening.

Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

February 1, 1993

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, February 1, 1993 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Harry A. Brown Jr. Also present were Selectman Lorraine Roy Hawkes, Selectman David L. Hughes, and Administrative Secretary Shirley A. Ferreira.

After approving the minutes of the January 25, 1993 meeting, Chairman Brown called the first appointment for the evening, with Betty Stahl, Account Manager from the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Agency (MIIA). Ms. Stahl came before the board to introduce them to some of the new municipal health plans available through MIIA.

Rochester resident Donna Ziobro next came before the board to discuss plans for the town's Earth Day Clean-up slated for April 17. Ms. Ziobro asked for permission to use the Town Hall parking area for the event and if the Highway Department might be willing to pitch in to help pick up "white goods" for disposal. Selectman Hughes said that the board will contact the Highway Department and ask if they are willing to volunteer their time on that day to be paid comp time (time and a half).

Resident Michael Bare next came before the board to discuss a letter he addressed to them on the recent full-member Conservation Commission (ConCom) appointment. Mr. Bare said by appointing an outside member, Selectmen would be setting a precedent to discourage associate member participation on all town boards. "By bringing in someone who is totally 'green,' you'll be setting yourself and the town up for problems in the future," he said.

At this point, Selectman Hawkes said she

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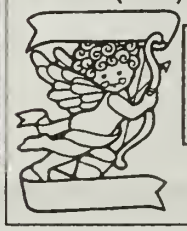
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agreed with Mr. Bare. "I've been working on the ConCom a short time," she said. "And I am still green. I think it would be very advantageous to appoint someone who has been sitting on the board and knows the workings of the commission."

ConCom member John Dvorski next came before Selectmen on the same matter. Mr. Dvorski stressed that an appointment from outside the associate membership would hurt the commission. "If you bring in someone who hasn't been through the process, it could cause some animosity and divide the board," he said. "The two associate members have been on the board for three years. If the Selectmen want to appoint someone, they should choose them from the associate membership."

One of those two associate members, Bruce Maksy, next came before the board. Mr. Maksy just wanted to emphasize the time and work he's put into the commission and asked the board to consider this in making their decision.

In turn, Ruth Richards, the other ConCom associate member, sent a letter to the board highlighting her experience and qualifications, having served on the commission since April 1991.

Chairman Brown next went over incoming correspondence for the week, beginning with a letter from Sen. Marc R. Pacheco advising the board of his new address and phone number at the State House.

Rep. Barney Frank also wrote to Selectmen,

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requesting a time to meet with them to discuss some pending federal issues. Selectman Hughes asked that Ms. Ferreira contact his office and tell them to visit at their convenience.

A letter was next sent to the board from New Bedford Mayor Rosemary S. Tierney regarding the Greater New Bedford Job Training and Employment Corporation (JTEC). Ms. Tierney wanted to inform the town that the JTEC will continue to provide services to the area until July 1, 1993 — at which time changes will be implemented to improve the program.

A letter was sent from resident Beverly Pierce expressing her interest in a vacancy on the Rochester Council on Aging (COA) board. Selectman Hawkes noted there were two vacancies on the board and said she was happy to see someone come forward. Selectman Hughes asked that the board meet next week with Ms. Pierce and someone from the COA to recommend the appointment. There being another vacancy on the board, Selectmen asked that anyone who might be interested in serving on the COA board to please contact Town Hall (763-3872).

A scheduled appointment with Steven P. Leconte was next on the agenda. Mr. Leconte came before the board regarding his letter of intent in serving on the ConCom. Although Mr. Leconte said he didn't have any formal experience with the Wetlands Protection Acts and filing paperwork, he was familiar with agricultural work as he is a farmer. The board thanked him for his time and interest and said they would consider him for a future associate member position.

Back to incoming correspondence, Chairman Brown next cited a letter from SEMASS in response to a request from Finance Committee (FinCom) Chairwoman Patricia Ryan for anticipated revenue for FY 1994.

Based on anticipated tonnage of approximately 975,000 tons, Rochester can expect about $1,875,000 in revenue during FY 1994.

A letter was received from Carolyn H. Daley,

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Sales Associate with Jack Conway & Company Realtors, informing the board that a customer is seeking a 100- to 200-acre parcel of land to be used to construct a hotel. Chairman Brown said there is some land between Route 495 and Route 28 that might be a good location for this project. The board agreed to contact the Industrial Development Finance Authority (IDFA) of the matter for their consideration.

A memo was sent from the IDFA informing the board that they have available funds to print the 1992 Annual Town Report up to $5,000. The board graciously accepted the group's generous offer.

Mattapoisett Executive Secretary Carol J. Adams sent a memo to the board advising them of the Annual Herring Meeting, which will be held on Thursday, February 18 at 7:00 pm in the Mattapoisett Selectmen's Office.

Chairman Brown next gave a breakdown of monies to be returned to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the aftermath of Hurricane Bob damages. Mr. Brown said that of a paid 75 percent share of FEMA money ($30,617.75), the town was eligible for $15,011, leaving $15,606.75 to be returned. Of the MEMA funds disbursed, the town used $1,876.38 of a total $3,827.22, leaving $1,950.84 to be returned. A check will be made out for the total ($17,557.59) and be sent to the two organizations.

A press release from the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) was sent to the board advising them of the 1991 Transportation Bond Issue (Regional Transportation Plan 2020). The town was also sent a notice that the second apportionment from the 1991 Transportation Bond Issue was $124,281, all of which is conditional on the expenditure of Chapter 90 monies.

A copy of MIIA's Tenth Anniversary report was next sent to the board, highlighting their background and accomplishments.

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An article was submitted from Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, asking that it be placed on the upcoming Annual Town Meeting warrant. The article would allow the school to establish an Equal Education Opportunity Grant for fiscal year 1994 subject to state appropriation.

Town Counsels Kopelman and Paige, P.C. sent memos concerning teacher contributions for health insurance during the off months of July and August and drug testing of public employees.

The board next considered the submitted FinCom budget for fiscal year 1994. Chairman Brown said that he finds it odd they've asked for an increase to $145,000 when they've told everyone else to level fund. A motion was made to approve the budget as submitted, which was passed with a majority vote of the board, with Chairman Brown voting against the motion.

Under Old Business, the board briefly discussed the longstanding debate over the Mill Pond area and a response from the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. Selectman Hawkes and Chairman Brown both met with Mr. Decas and Mr. Nunes at the site and there is still some disagreement over rights to the dam and pond.

"I would suggest we leave it up to the state agencies to decide," Selectman Hawkes said. "The ball's in their court now. Let the DEM and DEP handle it."

A follow up response was sent from Kopelman and Paige, P.C. regarding the non-criminal disposition procedures as discussed at last week's meeting.

Chairman Brown said the board would then consider the pending appointment of a full member to the ConCom, as previously discussed. Selectman Hawkes, stating that her views had not changed over the last few weeks, moved to appoint associate member Bruce Maksy to the position. With the motion on the floor, Chairman Brown took the opportunity to reiterate his concerns with having a majority of cranberry growers on the ConCom.

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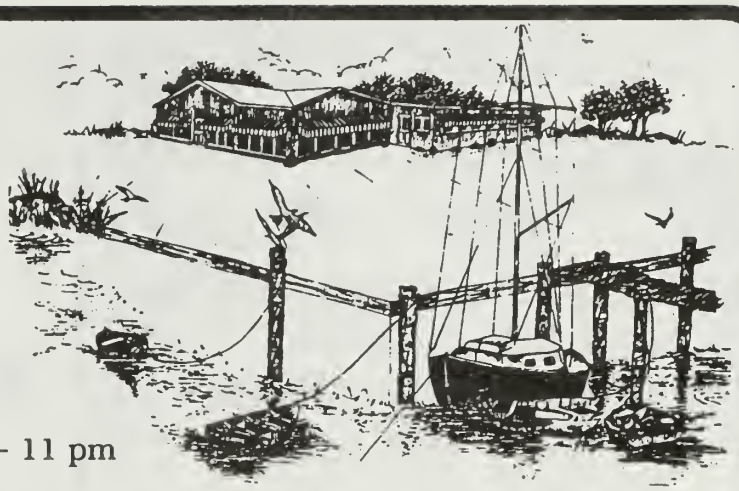

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"I have no objection to having cranberry growers on the commission," he said. "My only concern is that we could create the lack of a quorum with three cranberry growers on a seven member board."

Chairman Brown also went on to say he was disappointed that present Chairwoman Georgia Chamberlain was reappointed to that position after he was assured a new chairperson would take over.

Ms. Chamberlain rebutted Mr. Brown's remark by stressing that the person delegated to take over resigned, leaving her in the position. "I went through the files and noticed that most of the agendas were incomplete," she said. "The work wasn't getting done. It's not an easy job and I would certainly like to have some more time to myself."

Chairman Brown said there wasn't any question in his mind that Ms. Chamberlain had done a "fantastic job," but he just didn't think it was reasonable to have her in the position for that long.

Seeming frustrated with the ongoing haggling over the position, Selectman Hawkes said the issue was becoming clouded and restated her belief that the board should appoint someone from within the ConCom. "Don't you have enough faith in the integrity of the people who serve on the boards of this town?" she asked.

Selectman Hughes then moved to appoint Randall Cabral as a full member of the ConCom. Selectman Hawkes said she would abstain, as he has a conflict in attending meetings on Tuesday nights. Chairman Brown said he would abstain also, as he is a member of the Lions Club with Mr. Cabral.

There being no quorum, the appointment was delayed until April, after a new Selectman is elected to the board. The ConCom will remain with only six voting members until that time.

Highway Surveyor Jeff Eldridge next came before the board to request that gravel at the town landfill be taken and used to fill potholes on Featherbed Lane, Ryder Road, and Perry's Lane. The board said they didn't see any problem, provided a hearing is held beforehand to let residents know.

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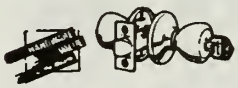

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Heather G. Bare next came before the board to submit her letter of resignation in the wake of "rumors which have been spread" about her in recent weeks. She said she regrets having to give up her positions as Handicap Coordinator, Small Town Economic Development Committee Representative, and Alternate to the Assawompsett Ponds Committee, but she feels compelled to do so.

Selectman Hughes motioned to accept Ms. Bare's resignation "with deepest regrets" and asked that anyone who might be interested in one or more of these positions to please contact the Selectmen's office.

The final appointment for the evening was with ConCom Chairwoman Georgia Chamberlain, who came before the board to ask their permission to seek legal counsel to review the latest revision of the conservation by-law. The board granted Ms. Chamberlain's request.

Under New Business, Selectman Hughes asked that a letter of commendation be sent to Officer James Wassmouth upon graduating from the Police Academy. The board agreed to sign and send out the commendation.

There being no further business to discuss, the board adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

As I perused a copy of the preliminary agenda for the tri-town selectmen's meeting, I shuddered when struck by the reality that these town officials favor adding yet another costly level of government to the already burdening governmental control over our lives.

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Regionalizing every aspect of our lives, which these elected selectmen seem bent on accomplishing, takes government by and for the people one more step away from the voters.

Waiting in the wings are proposals to regionalize our community ambulance services and police department activities, when the regional school department already in place can't get *its* act together.

As it is now, boards of selectmen can do many things with no voter accountability whatever. And, regrettably, the same is true of school departments, water departments, health/landfill departments, etc.

In light of this, I can't see how regionalization is going to provide any improvements at all, especially in the area of cost of operation. Every regional group created will require an additional expense that voters can ill-afford — expense for additional staffs and work forces (that always seem to increase over the years along with their benefits and retirement compensation) to say nothing of additional facilities, supplies and equipment, computers notwithstanding.

A good example is the ORR school operation. A proposed union-backed amendment to an education reform package submitted recently to the state legislature would give all control over teacher contracts and teacher administrative pay requests to school committees rather than leaving salary control to the voters at large.

The bottom line is, in my humble opinion, that another level of out-of-control government we don't need.

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[Editor's Note: Mr. Atkinson first presented this letter orally to the members of the Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester Boards of Selectmen during a joint meeting of the tri-town governments on January 28. Mr. Atkinson has requested that the letter be reproduced here for public consideration.]

To the Editor:

There have been ongoing considerations and discussions at the past Selectmen's meetings regarding the appointment of associate members to full voting members on the Conservation Commission. The process has been delayed to allow non-cranberry growers to submit letters of appointment to be considered for the opening recently vacated on the board.

It is my opinion that the two existing associate members are extremely dedicated, willing and able to fill the vacancy. I feel that the Board of Selectmen has a duty to appoint the most qualified applicant. An associate member to any committee is allowed on-the-job training. They are gaining valuable knowledge to be used when an opening does arise so that our boards are being staffed with capable, experienced people.

In bypassing this associate member process, we as a town are jeopardizing the system that is in place. We would be discouraging residents who would like to get involved in town government. The associate member program as it stands is a great way for new people to learn about a specific committee before undertaking the large responsibilities involved.

In regards to the specific situation at hand for the Conservation Commission, I feel that even if an associate member happens to be a (cranberry) bog owner they should be given full consideration for the appointment based on ability. To overlook the two associate members for this vacancy simply because they are cranberry growers would be to question their integrity, ethics and ability to make an unbiased decision.

Other towns, such as Carver, have managed to work with a majority of its members being cranberry growers. The general laws give the Board of Selectmen an outlet to allow these members this ability to vote on bog issues at hand.

Common sense should dictate that it is advantageous to the town and to the Conservation Commission to appoint a member from within. Bringing in a person who is "green" could lead to serious legal problems for the town in the future. I hope the Board can reconsider its actions of January 19, 1993 and appoint one of the two existing

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To the Editor:

It is unfortunate that the Town of Rochester will be made to suffer because certain individuals in town positions have seen fit to spread false rumors about me in a local political campaign. Apparently they have implied that I represent some kind of perceived "power" threat.

Because of these activities, my ability to represent the town has been impaired to such great extent that I find it necessary to resign, effective immediately, from the positions of Handicap Coordinator, Small Town Economic Development Committee Representative, and Alternate to the Assawompsett Ponds Committee.

I deeply regret that I am compelled by these circumstances to take this drastic action. I have enjoyed serving the town. I certainly hope that you can find several other people willing to step forward who will put in the same amount of time, expense, and hard work that I have given the town up to now.

Heather Bare
Rochester resident

[Editor's Note: Ms. Bare presented this letter to the Board of Selectmen on February 1, 1993. She asked that the letter be reproduced here as it "speaks for itself" in regards to her reasons for resigning from town service.]

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Our "new kid on the block" this week is "Patrick," a one-and-a-half-year-old light grey cat with white chest and paws. Patrick is a short-haired, neutered male and is up to date on all his shots. If you are interested in him, please call 644-5347. Do not call Animal Umbrella for "Patrick."

The group also has a tri-colored, seven-year-old spayed female. She is strictly a house cat and must find a new home due to the allergies of her former owner. Please call 758-2339 if you are interested in this pet. Again, Animal Umbrella is not taking calls for this animal.

Just a reminder: if your dog is expecting puppies soon, the group still has some cases of Hills Science Diet Lite Puppy Food (Canine Growth) along with some regular dog formula Science Diet Lite. Please call either Priscilla (758-2896) or Mary Lou (758-9202) if you are interested in getting some of this food in exchange for a donation to this worthwhile organization.

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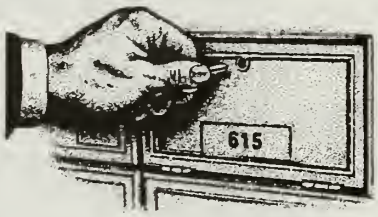

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Mattapoisett PTA Meeting

January 12, 1993 at Center School

Debbie DeWalt, President of the PTA, welcomed all to the meeting and acknowledged some new faces in attendance. She also thanked the publicity committee co-chaired by Paula Butterfield and Diane Garde, and also Liz Chin for her work on hospitality at the monthly meetings and other functions, and Donna Schuyler for her recent work in securing Old Hammondtown sweatshirts and their sale in December.

Debbie will be attending a workshop sponsored by the MPTA for the present presidents and board members. She is looking forward to learning about other PTA groups in other towns and how they are functioning. She will report her findings at a future meeting.

Correspondence was received in the form of "thank you" notes from Ms. Roylance's class regarding the Christmas program, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and also from Ms. Bowman for funds to buy books for her reading recovery class.

The secretary's report and in-depth treasurer's report were read and voted to be accepted as read. The membership in our PTA this year now stands at 194.

New Business

Ms. Kathy Evans will be joining Ms. Suzan as the SOS person from Center School and Daune Smith will be the teacher representative from Old Hammondtown. They will bring teacher requests to the PTA meetings monthly to be voted and approved by the membership.

Principal's Request

Mr. Reed did not have any request this month, but instead took the time to thank the PTA for bringing Leland Faulkner's Light Theater to Old Hammondtown, as he described them as "dynamite and very impressive." Mr. Reed also took this time

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to give credit to the Old Hammondtown teachers as well for preparing the students for this performance. The performers were also very impressed with the quality of the Old Hammondtown School audience and their behavior.

Mr. Murphy took this opportunity to thank the PTA for the sympathy card to his family for the recent loss of his father-in-law. He also raved about "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" program that came to the school during the holiday. The program was enjoyed by all. He wished also to thank the PTA for the candy canes that were distributed to the children.

Mr. Murphy reported that the needy fund collected $1,047 and that 41 gift certificates were purchased at a shoe store and were distributed to children to buy new shoes and boots. He also had one request for a sweatshirt from Center School to be placed in a welcome basket to be given to the National Director of Talents Unlimited who will be coming to Center School.

Amendments to the By Laws

There was a discussion about an amendment to the new PTA By Laws and what the procedure would be. Debbie advised the board that Ling-Ling Chang, who is the PTA Parliamentarian, look over the by-laws and suggest changes at the next monthly meeting.

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Ms. Diane Perry, Art Teacher at Center School, was present to thank the PTA for supplementing monies for the visiting artist program to be held at Center School beginning in March. Each class at Center School will spend time with two different artists during this period. March is Youth Art Month and thus the program coincides with that observance.

Old Business

The Arts and Humanities committee reminded PTA members that the next visitor they have invited will be Alice McGill on January 28 at Old Hammondtown School and a robotic drug program at Center School on April 26.

Fundraising

Ms. Schulyer sold 32 sweatshirts at Old Hammondtown School in December.

Playground

Mr. Peter O'Donnell has agreed to oversee the playground and to meet with Mr. Murphy and Mudgie Tavares twice during the year. He will check the playground for any equipment problems and also the grounds to be sure that the playground remains safe for the children.

The next PTA meeting will be on Tuesday, February 9 at 7:00 pm in the Center School cafeteria. The following topics are on the agenda:

- Welcome to All
- President's Update: Debbie DeWalt
- Secretary's Report: Patti Apperson
- Treasurer's Report: Jan Kortright
- Corresponding Secretary's Report: Genia Griffith
- New Business — S.O.S. (Center School, Old Hammondtown School); Principal's Requests (Mr. Reed, Mr. Murphy); Logo Choices from Sixth Grade; Other
- Old Business — Arts and Humanities (Annette Ewing, Dede Smith); Fundraising (Donna Schulyer); Amendment to the By-Laws; Spring clean up day for playground; Other.

The PTA encourages all parents to attend the meeting and join in discussing and making decisions regarding how the group can enhance the town's elementary schools.

Mattapoisett Police Log

The following listings are for the week of January 25 - 31, 1993:

Breaks

- Crystal Spring Road — break into garage
- Stoney Hill Road — break into garage
- Crystal Spring Road — breaks into motor vehicle (5)
- Acushnet Road — breaks into motor vehicles (3)
- Stoney Hill Road — break into motor vehicle

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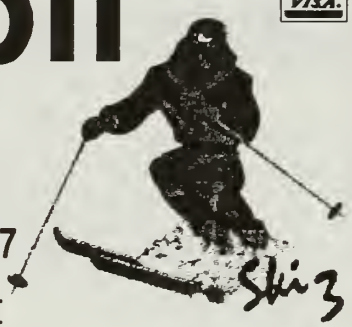

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Larceny
- Crystal Spring Road — larceny from garage
- Stoney Hill Road — larceny from garage
- Acushnet Road — larceny of motor vehicle (3)
- Crystal Spring Road — larceny from motor vehicle (5)

Vandalism
- None reported.

Arrests: 4
Citations: 6
Accidents: 4
Ambulance Runs: 4
Fires/Related: 0
Total Calls for Service: 79

Rochester Police Log

The following listings are for the week of January 23 - 29, 1993:

- Walnut Plain Road — suspicious activity
- Wolf Island Road — alarm
- Dexter Lane — alarm
- Mary's Pond Road — alarm
- County Road — gunshots reported
- Hiller Road — burglar alarm
- Walnut Plain Road — suspicious activity
- High Street — larceny
- Alley Road — breaking and entering past
- Pierce Street — suspicious activity
- Williams Way — burglar alarm
- Vaughan Hill Road — fire alarm
- Sandwich Corp. Bank — suspicious activity
- Rounseville Road — suspicious activity
- Braley Hill Road — domestic disturbance.

Rochester Lions Club Breakfast

The Rochester Lions Club's breakfasts are held on the second Sunday of every month. Breakfast consists of pancakes or French toast, with a choice of bacon or sausage, juice and coffee.

Breakfast is served from 7:30 to 11:30 am at the Rochester Grange Hall, Hartley Road in Rochester. The next breakfast will be on Sunday, February 14. Price is adults: $3, seniors and students: $2.

Tri-Town Students to be Dismissed Early

On Friday, February 5, there will be an early release day for teachers in the public schools of Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester, and the ORR School District engaged in curriculum work. On that day, students will be picked up for school at the regular time, but will be dismissed early according to the following schedule:

- Marion (Grades K-6) — 12:30 pm
- Mattapoisett (Kindergarten) — 10:45 am
- Mattapoisett (Grades 1-6) — 12:20 pm
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- Rochester (Grades 1-6) — 12:30 pm
- ORR District (7-12) — 11:30 am.

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Blood Pressure Clinics

Blood Pressure Clinics for the month of February will be held on Wednesday, February 10 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm and on Wednesday, February 17 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. The clinics will be held at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street and are open to all Mattapoisett residents.

Visualizing/Verbalizing Seminar

On Saturday, February 13 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, a Visualizing/Verbalizing Seminar and Workshop will be held for any interested persons to offer new perspectives and innovative methods for dealing with weaknesses in language comprehension.

The seminar/workshop will be held at the Realty Group Building, 53 County Road (Route 6) in Mattapoisett.

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The shop continues to support the efforts of The First Congregational Church's mission work as it did when volunteers first began the business in 1976 in The Congregational Chapel. Customers who shop at The Penny Pinchers' Exchange are helping support mission projects in the greater New Bedford area, including the New Bedford Women's Center, and in the larger church, which includes such projects as Habitat International.

The Penny Pinchers' Exchange is open every Wednesday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, and every Saturday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. There is a wide selection of clothing for student shoppers including vintage clothing. Sports equipment, jewelry, fur and woolen winter coats, household articles, linens, and

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Religious Education

Confirmation students (Grades 9 and 10) will meet on Monday evenings from 7:00 - 8:15 pm. The children in the First Eucharist program will celebrate First Penance (Making Peace) on Sunday, February 7 at 2:00 pm. Classes for the seventh and eighth grades will begin on Monday, February 22 in the church hall from 6:45 - 8:00 pm. Letters and a schedule of classes will be mailed before classes begin. Registration forms will also be sent to those who have not registered.

Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for Sunday evening, February 7, at 7:30 pm in the church hall.

Children of Mary

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, February 10 from 3:30 - 4:00 pm in the church hall.

Mattapoisett Council on Aging (COA)

Tax Returns

Mr. John Hall is accepting appointments on Wednesdays to assist with tax returns. Please call the COA office to schedule a time. Mr. Hall would also like everyone to be sure and bring all new information along with last year's return. Call 758-4110 for further information.

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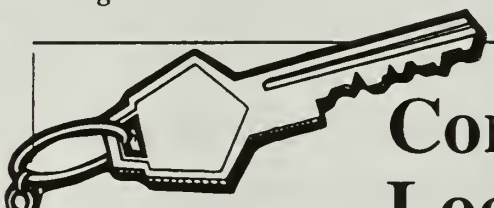

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State universities and community colleges offer tuition waivers for both day and continuing education programs for all persons aged 60 and over. An elder must present a photo ID, register at least one week prior to the start of classes and only for those courses with space available. For further information, contact the Admissions Office at either Bristol Community College (BCC) at 1-678-2811 or the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth (UMass Dartmouth) at 999-8605.

Mall Trip

The senior van will be going to the Hyannis Mall and Christmas Tree Shop on February 25. The van will leave Village Court at 9:30 am and St. Anthony's Church parking lot at 9:45 am. Please call 758-4110 if you are interested in attending.

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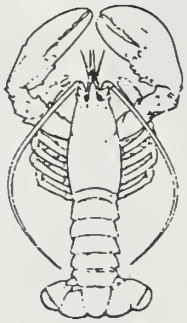

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The Friends of the Elderly — Mattapoisett

Senior Workshop is held at Village Court every Wednesday. All area residents are welcome. If you need a ride, you may call the COA; they will be glad to help you.

The Seahorse sun catchers are in. They are now on sale at the Seaport Pharmacy and the Mattapoisett Pharmacy along with suction cups. The cost is $5 for the Seahorse, and 50 cents for the suction cups plus tax.

A Chocolate Buffet for Valentine's Day

This Valentine's Day, treat yourself and your loved ones to the "Romance of Chocolate" at the Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum at 396 County Street in New Bedford. On Sunday, February 14, the Museum will offer an "All You Can Eat Chocolate Buffet" from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm. The Museum will feature a delicious assortment of chocolate desserts guaranteed to delight chocolate lovers both young and old.

The Acushnet Classical Quartet, an accomplished string quartet of area high school students, will enhance this culinary experience with a lively selection of classical music. The cost of the buffet is $10 for adults, and $5 for children ages 12 and under. Advanced reservations are required and

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Valentine Dinner and Show

The Men's Fellowship 13th Annual Valentine Dinner and Show will be held on Saturday, February 13 at 7:30 pm in the parish hall of St. Gabriel's Church. The hall is located at Front Street and South Street in Marion.

A special feature of the gourmet dinner is a visit by former president Abraham Lincoln, as interpreted by actor Richard E. Swanson. For information or ticket sales call 748-1507 (days 9:00 am to 3:00 pm) or 748-1113 (evenings). The Men's Fellowship is interdenominational and the public is cordially invited.

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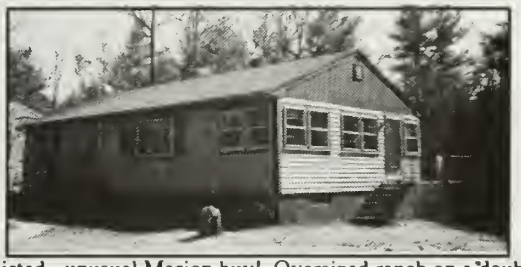

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Marion Cub Scout Pack 32 Announces Derby Winners

Thirty-six boys participated in the 1993 Pinewood Derby that Marion Cub Scout Pack 32 held on January 24. The Cub Scouts raced pine car models they built which weighed five ounces or less.

The winners were Marcus Monteiro (First Place), James Duane (Second Place), Charlie Coffin (Third Place), Liam Brown (Fourth Place), Ben Hall (Fifth Place), Eric Pierce (Sixth Place), Brian Miller (Seventh Place), and Craig Braman (Eighth Place).

Best Design awards went to Kristian Baarsvik, Alex Keene, and Matthew Kotowski.

Honorable Mention went to Erik Hetzel, Hunt Latham, Jack Miller and Patrick Washburn, who finished in the top twelve, as well as to Tobey Cann, Rob Cowell, Blake Luttrell, Matthew Pierce, Marques Sylvia, and Christopher Washburn.

Webelos leaders Manny Monteiro, Bill Washburn, and Bob Braman, along with Lou Coffin, organized the derby. Mark Gates, unit commissioner and assistant Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 32, served as judge. Boy Scouts Eddie Brown, Andrew Cottrill, and Bret Fricke helped with the race. Cubmaster of Troop 32 is Charles Cann and Charlie Duane is assistant Cubmaster. Danielle Coffin is Pack Committee Chairwoman.

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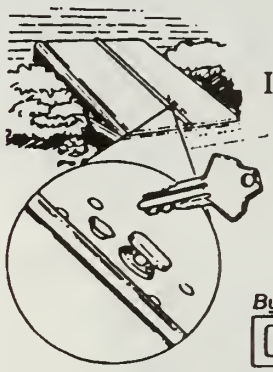

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COM/Electric Names New Vice President

Deborah A. McLaughlin was named vice president of customer operations for COM/Electric, effective February 1. Ms. McLaughlin is currently manager of internal audit at Cambridge-based COM/Energy Services Company. Both companies are subsidiaries of the Commonwealth Energy System.

Her responsibilities will include Marketing and Energy Services, Customer Services, Credit Systems and Procedures, the Customer Advisory Panel as well as interfacing with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) in the consumer and customer operations areas. She managed Commonwealth Electric's activities with respect to a recent management audit and will continue with the responsibility, maintaining close contact with the DPU.

She succeeds Robert E. Healey of COM/Electric, who has elected to retire on May 1.

Ms. McLaughlin resides in Westford with her husband, John. Her father, Charles Ruel Sr. and brothers Charles Jr. and Thomas reside in Mattapoisett.

Mattapoisett Senior Touring Club

The following events are planned for the weeks ahead:

• May 17 - 21 — Five-day trip to the Tulip Festival Time in Ottawa, Canada and Toronto. Eight meals included. $25 deposit due February 15.

• July 17 — Whale Watch Cruise, Boston. Includes continental breakfast and box lunch.

• July 19-21 — Three-Day Trip to Springfield, Vermont, Shelbourne Museum, Lake Sunapee Cruise, Manchester Outlets. Includes four meals.

• September 3-10 — Eight-Day Air Trip to Branson, Missouri and the Ozarks. Five nights of entertainment, riverboat cruise, passion play. Includes 13 meals.

• October 4-8 — Five-Day Trip to "The Granite" in the Catskills. Deluxe accommodations, lots of activities, delicious meals.

For further information on any of these trips, please call Florence at 758-2972.

Mattapoisett Recycling Committee

Make 1993 the year you start working with your town on designing and implementing an effective town-wide recycling program. The Mattaposett Recycling Committee meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Board of Health office (second floor, Town Hall). All Mattapoisett residents are welcome and encouraged to offer their ideas. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, February 11 at 7:30 pm.

All-Town Recycling Committee Meeting

The next bi-monthly meeting of the All-Town Recycling Committee will take place at Wareham Town Hall on February 28 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting will focus on resources for and in the area schools. As in the past, volunteer recyclers and Town Health Clerks/Board of Health members are invited from the regional towns. In addition, teachers and administrators involved in school recycling programs and education are encouraged to attend. The goal of the meeting is to learn what schools are accomplishing and how volunteer recycling groups can best support their efforts.

School Committee Meetings

The following is a schedule of school committee meetings in the tri-town area for February, 1993:

• February 8 — Mattapoisett School Committee, 7:30 pm, Old Hammondtown School, Shaw Street, Mattapoisett

• February 9 — ORR District School Committee, 7:30 pm, Kunces Memorial Library, ORR High School, Mattapoisett

• February 10 — Marion School Committee,

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• February 25 — Rochester School Committee, 7:30 pm, Memorial School, Pine Street, Rochester.

Marion School Committee Meeting Agenda

A meeting of the Marion School Committee will be held on Wednesday, February 10 at 7:30 pm in the Sippican School library. The following items are slated to appear on the agenda:

• Physical Education position for 1993-1994 school year

• Drug-free coalition in Marion regarding babysitting during meetings

• Appointing Administrator as a liaison for the committee regarding the American Disabilities Act — the committee will nominate Andy Santos

• Administrator will present revised budget for FY 1993 including 5 percent increase recommended at last meeting.

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Sippican Seniors

Monthly Meeting

A regular meeting of the Sippican Seniors will be held at 1:30 pm on Friday, February 12 at the VFW Pavilion in Marion. Entertainment will be provided by the ORRHS Jazz Band.

Each meeting is followed by refreshments served under the General Chairmanship of Belle Anderson and Ethel Rowe. Dorothy Smith and her committee will be hostesses for February. The centerpiece on the refreshment table is awarded as a door prize. The January centerpiece was won by Ruth Valini.

Annie Giberti reminds members to save labels — Campbell soup, Recipe dog food, Swanson's, Franco-American — and bring them to her. The club has turned over more than 20,000 labels to the Sippican School to be used for needed equipment.

Senior Drop-In Center

The Senior Drop-In Center in the Congregational Community Center Hall offers Bridge on Tuesday and Thursday. Please call Dorothy Tortora at 295-2786 for Tuesday information, or Ceil Barry at 748-1223 for Thursday information.

The second and fourth Tuesdays of each month are scheduled in various members' homes, while all other sessions are held at the drop-in center. Whist Parties are also being offered on the second and fourth Tuesday each month at 1:00 pm. For information call Natalie Sullivan at 748-1467.

Senior Travellers

• On February 23 through February 25, the group will host a winter special trip to Atlantic City. Travellers will stay for 3 days and 2 nights and travel by deluxe motorcoach. Accommodations will be provided at Bally's Park Place Casino Hotel and Tower. The cost of the trip is $109 per person.

• On March 17, the group will take a day trip to Independence Harbor for a St. Patrick's Bash, including a complete luncheon with entertainment by Mel Simon's Irish Special and visit to Vitadella Chiesa Vineyards for a guided tour and wine

tasting. The cost of the trip is $30 per person.

• On April 7, the group will take a day trip to "Forever Plaid," Boston's smash musical hit. Includes lunch at Top of the Hub atop Prudential Tower. Cost for the trip is $46 per person.

• On May 20 - 24, join the Sippican Seniors for five days and four nights in the Thousand Islands. Included in the trip are four breakfasts and four dinners. Travel by deluxe motorcoach and stay at the Best Western Provincial. Includes three-hour boat cruise. Cost for the trip is $359 per person.

For further information on these and other trips, please call Helen Lefort (295-5886) or Natalie Sullivan (748-1467).

Sweetheart Dance in Rochester

The Rochester group "Friends for Fun" will be sponsoring a Sweetheart Dance on Saturday, February 20 from 8:00 pm - 12:00 midnight to raise funds for playground equipment. The dance will be held at The Highlander in Acushnet. Music will be by Twilight Sound and a continental breakfast will be served. Tickets are $6 per person, all proceeds will go to the playground fund. The dance is supported by The Rochester Lions Club. For ticket information, please call 763-9092 or 763-3501.

Old Colony Regional Voke

Free Bookmarks

A limited number of FREE bookmarks will be available to community residents, compliments of the Offset Printing department at Old Colony. The laminated bookmarks are printed in Old Colony's school colors, maroon and gold. Five different versions are available each containing a slogan describing the advantages of a vocational technical education. Residents interested in receiving bookmarks can call 763-8011, ext. 19.

Annual Football Banquet

Recently, Old Colony held its Annual Football Banquet honoring the athletes and coaching staff of the 1992 football team. The annual banquet is hosted by the Old Colony Gridiron Club.

The banquet, prepared by the school's Culinary Arts Department, was attended by over 150 parents and friends of the football team. Coach Kevin Gonsalves addressed the players and their parents emphasizing commitment and the learning skills that will influence them for the remainder of their lives.

Various awards were distributed to the players. Coach Gonsalves presented the Varsity Coaches' Award to Daryl DeGowin and the Most Improved Player Award to Joseph Orzechowski, while the Junior Varsity Coaches' Award was given to Timothy Charron and the Most Improved Junior Varsity Player to Michael Ducharme. The Freshman

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Coaches' Award was given to Chris Mello.

George Renaud, President of the Gridiron Club, presented players who have been in the football program for 3 or more years with school jackets for the dedication they have shown to the program.

All Star Selections

Five members of the Old Colony Football Team were selected to the Mayflower League Small School Division All Star Team and two were recognized as honorable mention. Corey Dias (Rochester), Greg Bertoldo, Ryan Rogers, and Anthony Lanzoni (Acushnet), and Matthew Burke (Freetown) were selected to the All Star Squad. Recognized as honorable mention choices were Aaron Renaud

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Book Reviews

Degree of Guilt
• **Richard North Patterson, Alfred A. Knopf, $23**

Sex, lies and audiotape. That about sums up this page-turner, the latest entry in the deathless category of legal thriller. This is one of those books it's best not to say too much about, because *Degree of Guilt* is nothing if not a giant plot unwinding like a cassette on fast forward.

What can be said? Richard North Patterson has concocted a legal thriller which features just about every timely issue: rape, victims' rights, spouse abuse, single parenting, illegitimacy, psychiatrist/patient confidentiality, legal ethics, a Kennedy-like president with a hankering for a fragile sex symbol. Even *The New Yorker* makes an appearance.

Weighing in at over 500 pages, this novel looks ponderous but makes for the fastest reading. Much of the story emerges through dialogue; indeed what happens to the hunky yet tormented attorney Christopher Paget hinges on talk.

Is this novel as good as *The Firm?* Much better. Both books require a suspension of disbelief from time to time, but *Degree of Guilt* is set in the real world, not some Memphis Mafia fantasyland. And at least *Degree of Guilt* doesn't use a copying machine as the central plot device the way *The Firm* does; it uses something much sexier — a tape recorder.

Dream Makers, Dream Breakers: The World of Justice Thurgood Marshall
• **Carl T. Rowan, Little Brown, $24.95**

Most Americans are just beginning to appreciate the struggle of African-Americans in pursuit of life and liberty. Carl Rowan expertly recreates that struggle, illuminating scenes of the lives of key civil rights leaders, racists, and their victories and defeats in his biography *Dream Makers, Dream Breakers: The World of Justice Thurgood Marshall.*

Rowan admires the late Marshall. A 40-year friend, Rowan would like this nation to recognize Marshall for his monumental achievements in United States' courtrooms from Columbia, TN to the highest court in the land.

This great man deserves the last word. Rowan obliges: "The legal system can force open doors, and sometimes, even knock down walls. But it cannot build bridges. That job belongs to you and me."

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(Acushnet) and Joseph Orzechowski (Carver).

"All of these young men are very deserving of this honor bestowed upon them," said coach Kevin Gonsalves. "They have improved individually which has had a very positive impact on the team as a whole."

The All Star players were presented Certificates recognizing their accomplishments at the annual Football Banquet which was held at Old Colony.

Local Students to Represent Old Colony

William Hebert, Athletic Director, announced that Cheryl Forand and Emily Viator have been selected to represent Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School at the 1993 celebration of National Girls and Women in Sport Day. The program will be held on Friday, February 5 in Faneuil Hall in Boston from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm.

The student athletes will be presented a Certificate of Recognition and hear a keynote address by Jean Driscoll, an internationally acclaimed wheelchair road racer.

The program is sponsored by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association, the Massachusetts Advocates for Women in Sport Leadership and the Massachusetts Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. The corporate sponsor is Converse, Inc.

Mattapoisett Woman's Club

Literature Group

The next meeting of the Literature Group will take place on Wednesday, February 10 at 9:30 am. The group will meet at the Mattapoisett Historical Society Hall where Lee Yeaton will entertain with slides taken on her visit to England and Scotland. Refreshments will be served by Ruth Jenney and June Cleveland. For further information, please call Margaret Yelle at 758-6259.

Card and Game Party

On Thursday, February 18, the Mattapoisett Woman's Club will sponsor a card and game party. It will take place at the Congregational Church Hall from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. A sandwich luncheon will be served. A donation of $5 will be accepted from each person. All money received will be given to the New Bedford Women's Center. Hostesses for the luncheon will be June Cleveland and Liz Kudriavetz and their committee. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, please call Marilyn Randall at 758-2000.

Marion Art Center

The Cecil Clark Davis Gallery at the Marion Art Center opens it 1993 season on February 7 at 4:00 pm with an exhibition of oriental rugs and a talk by Mr. Richard P. Amatulli on "Oriental Rugs: Their Legends and Symbols."

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Said Hearing will be held on Monday, February 22, 1993 at 7:15 pm in the Selectmen's Office.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN 2/5 -2/12

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Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a Public Hearing on the application of the Town of Rochester Highway Department, Cushman Road, for a Variance from side lot set back requirements, under Section VIII B. of Protective By-Laws. Hearing will be held on Thursday, February 11, 1993 at 7:30 pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall.

Board of Appeals, Richard D Cutler, Chairman 1/29 -2/5

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Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a Public Hearing on the application of Richard E. Kessler, 573 Neck Road, for a Special Permit under Section IX A.2. of Protective By-Laws to allow the extension of a pre-existing non-conforming structure. Hearing will be held Thursday, February 11, 1993 at 8:00 pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall.

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The Marion Art Center will also be featuring the following events in the weeks ahead:

• Tuesday, February 9 — Trip to LaFARGE windows and paintings in Newport and Fall River, sponsored by the Exhibition Committee. Meet at the Center at 10:00 am. Fee: $7. Call Violet Eaton at 748-3183 for further information.

• Sunday, February 14 — Valentine's Day Light-Hearted Love Songs, contemporary and traditional music featuring Donna Prypin (voice and guitar), Bohdan Prypin (mandolin, violin and guitar) and Joseph Scott (lute and guitar). The program will begin at 4:00 pm. Refreshments will be served.

• February 18 - 27 — "Play On," a comedy by Rick Abbott. Directed by Christopher LeBlanc. Shows on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8:00 pm, Cabaret seating. Reservations recommended. Please call 748-1266.

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Massage Therapy Workshop

The YMCA Youth and Family Center is offering a Massage Therapy Workshop led by Certified Massage Therapist Debra Joy Gottfried on Saturday, February 6 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Participants will learn different massage therapy techniques to relax the head, neck and shoulders. Pre-registration is required. Please call the Center office at 758-4203. The workshop costs $25 for YMCA members and $40 for the general public.

The YMCA Youth and Family Center is located at the end of Reservation Road in Mattapoisett. Please feel free to stop by or call 758-4203 for more information on these and other community programs.

Yoga Group in Marion

New sessions of Yoga are slated to begin on Tuesday, February 9 at 8:30 am with Charlotte Waterman. If you would like to join this group of area residents or if you need further information, please call Cookie (748-1324) or Betty (748-2777).

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Registration period ends Monday, February 8. The class will begin on that day and are held every Monday and Tuesday in Room B122 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, running for seven weeks.

Class charge for residents is $35. Driving hours for residents is $110. The class and driving hour charge for non-residents of the district is $160. Only

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Fundraising Telethon

The ORR Chapter of the American Field Service is now conducting a fundraising telethon each weekend through February 7. The organization sends students from the ORR District abroad for foreign study and brings international students to the area for a year of American education and friendship.

One student from Sweden is currently living in the District and attending ORR. Four tri-town students are studying in Belgium, Brazil, Mexico and Australia this year. It also sponsors each year a short-term exchange between ORR's AFS student club and that of a community out of state. This year's exchange is with West Columbia, Texas.

The funds raised through the telethon provide scholarships for students wishing to study abroad for a year. Student members of the AFS club will assist the adult chapter in calling residents of the District. They will ask for pledges of financial support of any amount for this continuing and growing activity.

Old Rochester Regional School District

Project GROW will be opening a third integrated preschool classroom at Center School in Mattapoisett. The class will serve three- and four-year-old children and may include students with and without special needs.

The program will run on Monday through Wednesday, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and follow the public school calendar. A home-based parent education program will respond to parents' needs and concerns as they relate to their child's development. It is anticipated that the program will begin on February 22, following the winter school vacation.

The purpose of Project GROW is to provide preschool experience to children whose families have been unable to enroll them in another program and who desire a preschool experience for their child as well as to provide the children with special needs opportunities. Enrollment is open to all children from Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester who were born between January 1, 1988 and September 1, 1989. Preference will be given to children from low-income families as defined by the state.

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Historical Society Plans Cookbook

The Mattapoisett Historical Society is in the process of developing an Historical Society Cookbook and looking for recipes to be included in the forthcoming publication.

The Society is asking that members of their group submit their favorite recipes to the Historical Society, 5 Church Street, Mattapoisett 02739. If there are other people in town who would like to submit recipes, they are also encouraged to do so. The only requirements are that the recipes be correct, legible and easy to follow. The categories of the book will include Appetizers, Soups & Salads, Breads & Rolls, Vegetables, Seafood, Main Dishes, Desserts, Cakes & Goodies, and Potpourri (e.g. Pickles, Jams Jellies, etc.).

The group is hoping to have the cookbook ready for release by Harbor Days in July. Everyone's help and cooperation will be greatly appreciated. For further information, please call Bette Roberts at 758-2844.

Schools Participate in Training Program

On Tuesday, January 19, 1993, the faculty and staff of the Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester and Old Rochester School Districts participated in an all-day in-service training program. Staff members attended a variety of workshops throughout the day.

The keynote presentation was given by Dr. Laurence Leiberman, a private consultant and lecturer on education and specifically special education. Dr. Leiberman has written several books on the topic and has lectured all over the world on educational issues.

The workshop offered a wide variety of current educational topics for staff to consider during the day. Several workshops focused on the special needs area. Inclusion of special needs students in the mainstream classes was a topic of several workshops. Some workshops dealt with the AIDS/HIV issue and how educators should deal with this from a health perspective.

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Friday, January 22 winners were:

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East-West

First: Evelyn Weidner and Isabel Ford
Second: Lorraine Tuxworth and James Harris
Third: Jean Cadden and Caroline Clattenburg

Evening session winners were:

First: Eleanor Lamarre and Dennis Brienzo
Tied for Second and Third: Eunice Parsons and Fran Somers & Ed Hutchinson and Douglas McCormac

Dartmouth Bridge Club

Monday, January 25 winners were:

North-South

First: Bob D'Anjou and Mark Gallagher
Second: Shelly Brody and Col. E J. Tomasik
Third: Fran Somers and Douglas McCormac

East-West

First: Helen Demello and Jan Morris
Tied for Second and Third: Mary Terpeny and Barbara Gordon & Pam Mendoza and Chris Galligan

Wednesday, January 27 winners were:

North-South

First: Lillian Johnson and Joanne Greaves
Second: Rae Blumberg and Bertye Goldstein
Third: Pam Mendoza and Charlotte Figueiredo

East-West

First: May Vermette and James Harris
Second: Evelyn Weidner and Ruth Cunningham
Third: Marge Schene and Bertha Pentleton

Thursday, January 28 winners:

North-South

First: Carmel Izzo and Dr. Frank Mastrola
Second: Helen Demello and Col. E. J. Tomasik
Third: Helen Linehan and Dorothy Friar
Fourth: Bea Wollison and Leona Rosenberg
Fifth: Barbara Gordon and Bertye Goldstein

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Monday, February 8:

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6:30 pm	**Your Health Matters**
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7:00 pm	**Consumer Weekly**
7:30 pm	**Sportspourri**
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8:30 pm	**The Alternative**

Tuesday, February 9:

6:00 pm	**Faith In Action**
	Hosted by
	Reverend George Taylor
6:30 pm	**Books and the World**
7:00 pm	**Speak Out**
	Dr. Thomas Forcella,
	Assist. Supt. ORR District
7:30 pm	**Game of the Week**

Wednesday, February 10:

6:00 pm	**Game of the Week**
7:30 pm	**Knowledge Bowl - Live!**
8:00 pm	**8 at 8 News & Events**

Thursday, February 11:

6:00 pm	**School Talk**
6:30 pm	**Drawing With Dave**
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7:30 pm	**8 at 8 News & Events**

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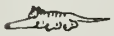

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Friday, February 5: Soup, pizza, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.
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Tuesday, February 9: Meatball sub, or tuna roll, chips, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, February 10: Baked chicken, mashed potato, corn bread, applesauce, peas, dessert, milk.
Thursday, February 11: Toasted cheese, oven fries, veggie sticks, dessert, milk.
Friday, February 12: Soup, pizza, tossed salad, fruit, milk.
Peanut Butter & Jelly and Peanut Butter & Fluff served as an alternate to each meal.

Old Hammondtown School

Friday, February 5: Soup, pizza, tossed salad, fruit, milk.
Monday, February 8: Hot dog in a roll, or salad lunch, baked beans, potato puffs, dessert, milk.
Tuesday, February 9: Meatball sub, or tuna roll, chips, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, February 10: Baked chicken, mashed potato, corn bread, peas, applesauce, or salad lunch, milk.
Thursday, February 11: Beef stew, dinner roll, or toasted cheese, veggie sticks, chips, fruit, milk.
Friday, February 12: Soup, pizza, tossed salad, dessert, milk.
Peanut Butter & Jelly and Peanut Butter & Fluff served as an alternate to each meal. Salad Plates are also available.

ORR Junior High

Friday, February 5: Scrambled eggs or French toast sticks, homefries, bacon, fruit, dessert, juice or milk.
Monday, February 8: Chicken rice soup, chili dog or chicken patties, chips, pickles, broccoli, dessert, juice or milk.
Tuesday, February 9: Baked chicken or rib-a-ques, carrots, mashed potato with gravy, bread, applesauce, dessert, juice or milk.
Wednesday, February 10: Chicken noodle soup, spaghetti or chicken fritters, garlic bread, green beans, dessert, juice or milk.
Thursday, February 11: BBQ chicken or ham & cheese croissants, mashed potato with gravy, peas, dessert, juice or milk.
Friday, February 12: Tacos or bacon cheeseburgers, lettuce and tomato, nachos, cheese sauce, dessert, juice or milk.

ORR Senior High

Friday, February 5: Scrambled eggs or French toast sticks, homefries, bacon, fruit, dessert, juice or milk.
Monday, February 8: Chicken rice soup, chili dog or chicken patties, chips, pickles, broccoli, dessert, juice or milk.
Tuesday, February 9: Baked chicken or rib-a-ques, carrots, mashed potato with gravy, bread, applesauce, dessert, juice or milk.
Wednesday, February 10: Chicken noodle soup, spaghetti or chicken fritters, garlic bread, green beans, dessert, juice or milk.
Thursday, February 11: BBQ chicken or ham & cheese croissants, mashed potato with gravy, peas, dessert, juice or milk.
Friday, February 12: Tacos or bacon cheeseburgers, lettuce and tomato, nachos, cheese sauce, dessert, juice or milk.

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Wednesday, February 10: French toast sticks w/ syrup, sausage, applesauce, dessert, milk or juice.
Thursday, February 11: Baked chicken, mashed potato, peas, cranberry sauce, or grilled cheese sandwich, chips, milk or juice.
Friday, February 12: Soup, cheese or pepperoni pizza, veggie sticks, fruit, assorted dessert, milk or juice.
Peanut Butter & Jelly and Peanut Butter & Fluff served as an alternate to each meal. Salad Plates are also available.

Old Colony Regional

Friday, February 5: Chicken noodle soup, mini clam roll, or grilled cheese sandwich, potato patty, beets or mixed vegetables, assorted dessert, milk.
Monday, February 8: Vegetable soup, hamburger or cheeseburger, French fries, green beans, peanut butter, macaroon bar, milk.
Tuesday, February 9: Orange juice, chow mein sandwich, or ham & cheese sandwich, rice or potato chips, mixed vegetables, chocolate cake, milk.
Wednesday, February 10: Fruit punch, grilled hot dog, baked beans, potato chips, corn, apple crisp, milk
Thursday, February 11: Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, yeast roll, oatmeal cookie, milk.
Friday, February 12: Chicken gumbo soup, pepperoni or cheese pizza, potato puffs, wax beans, assorted dessert, milk.

Upper Cape Cod Regional

Friday, February 5: Pizza w/ assorted toppings, homemade hash browns, or cold cut sub, potato chips, tossed salad, spice cake, milk.
Monday, February 8: Hamburger or cheeseburger, or ham salad rolls, French fries, potato chips, tossed salad, pudding, milk.
Tuesday, February 9: Spaghetti with meat sauce, or bologna & cheese, garlic sticks, potato chips, Caesar salad, fruit, milk.
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Sunrise and Sunset

Date	Day of Week	Rises a.m.	Sets p.m.	Length of Day h.:m.
February 5:	**Fri.**	6:54	5:03	10:09
February 6:	**Sat.**	6:53	5:05	10:12
February 7:	**Sun.**	6:52	5:06	10:14
February 8:	**Mon.**	6:50	5:07	10:17
February 9:	**Tues.**	6:49	5:09	10:20
February 10:	**Wed.**	6:48	5:10	10:22
February 11:	**Thur.**	6:47	5:11	10:24
February 12:	**Fri.**	6:45	5:12	10:27
February 13:	**Sat.**	6:44	5:14	10:30
February 14:	**Sun.**	6:43	5:15	10:32

Phases of the Moon

Full Moon	February 6th	6:56 pm
Last Quarter	February 13th	9:58 am
New Moon	February 21st	8:06 am
First Quarter	January 30th	6:20 pm

Upcoming Astronomical Events

Conjunction of the Moon and Jupiter

On February 10th, Jupiter and the Moon will be at their closest in the sky. Both will rise around 10 pm and then be visible for the rest of the evening.

Local Tides

Date	Day	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
February 5:	**Fri.**	6:14	6:38	. . .	12:09
February 6:	**Sat.**	7:05	7:28	12:20	12:57
February 7:	**Sun.**	7:52	8:16	1:14	1:44
February 8:	**Mon.**	8:41	9:05	1:14	1:44
February 9:	**Tues.**	9:30	9:55	2:54	3:16
February 10:	**Wed.**	10:19	10:48	3:45	4:01
February 11:	**Thur.**	11:12	11:43	4:38	4:50
February 12:	**Fri.**	. . .	12:09	5:36	5:41
February 13:	**Sat.**	12:41	1:09	6:41	6:41
February 14:	**Sun.**	1:44	2:13	8:04	7:59

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